

REMARKS

Claims 57-76 are pending in the instant application and are currently subject to a restriction requirement. Applicants have withdrawn Claims 57-75 and amended Claim 76 to incorporate the method of Claim 57. These amendments are supported by the specification and do not present any new matter. Applicants respectfully request that these amendments and the following remarks be made part of the record in the file history of the instant application.

The Examiner has required restriction to one of the following inventions:

- I. a method of modulating the immune response (Claims 57-75); or
- II. a method of preparing a hybridoma (Claim 76).

In response, Applicants hereby elect to restrict the application to the invention of a method of preparing a hybridoma, claim 76. Claims 57-75, which are directed to non-elected inventions, have been withdrawn without prejudice to Applicants' ability to pursue these claims in other related patent applications.

CONCLUSIONS

Applicants respectfully request that the foregoing amendments and remarks be made of record in the file history of the instant application. Applicants submit that the remarks and amendments made herein now place the pending claims in condition for allowance. If a telephone discussion will help expedite processing of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (914) 762-7586.

Respectfully submitted,

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